

(1) the threat posed by anomalous health incidents;

(2) known defensive techniques; and

(3) processes to self-report suspected exposures that could be an anomalous health incident.

SA 4409. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 14106. OFFICE OF GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Office of Global Women's Issues (referred to in this section as the "Office") in the Department of State (referred to in this section as the "Department") should—

(1) be headed by the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, who should be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(2) coordinate, under the direction of the Secretary of State (referred to in this section as the "Secretary"), the United States foreign policy efforts to promote gender equality and the rights and empowerment of women and girls in United States diplomacy, partnerships, and programs;

(3) serve as the principal advisor to the Secretary regarding gender equality, women's and girls' empowerment, and violence against women and girls as a priority of United States foreign policy;

(4) represent the United States in diplomatic and multilateral fora on matters relevant to the status of women and girls;

(5) advise the Secretary and provide input on all activities, policies, programs, and funding relating to gender equality and the advancement of women and girls internationally for all bureaus and offices of the Department and in the international programs of all other Federal agencies;

(6) work to ensure that efforts to advance gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment are fully integrated into the programs, structures, processes, and capacities of all bureaus and offices of the Department and in the international programs of other Federal agencies; and

(7) conduct regular consultations with civil society organizations that are working to advance gender equality and empower women and girls internationally.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report or provide a briefing to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives regarding the efforts of the Office to carry out the duties described in subsection (a).

SA 4410. Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and

for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title III, add the following:

SEC. 356. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TRANSPARENCY REGARDING RESEARCH RELATING TO PERFLUOROALKYL OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) support research efforts relating to perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances; and

(2) establish practices to ensure the timely and complete dissemination of research findings and related data relating to perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances to the general public.

(b) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION.—Beginning not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, Secretary of Defense shall publish on the publicly available website established under section 331(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92; 10 U.S.C. 2701 note) timely and regularly updated information on the research efforts of the Department of Defense relating to perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, which shall include the following:

(1) A description of any research collaborations and data sharing by the Department with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, or any other agency (as defined in section 551 title 5, United States Code), States, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations, or any other entity.

(2) Regularly updated information on research projects supported or conducted by the Department of Defense pertaining to the development, testing, and evaluation of a fluorine-free firefighting foam or any other alternative to aqueous film forming foam that contains perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

(3) Regularly updated information on research projects supported or conducted by the Department pertaining to the health effects of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, including information relating to the impact of such substances on firefighters, veterans, and military families.

(4) Regularly updated information on research projects supported or conducted by the Department pertaining to treatment options for drinking water, surface water, ground water, and the safe disposal of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

(5) Budget information, including specific spending information for the research projects relating to perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances that are supported or conducted by the Department.

(6) Such other matters as may be relevant to ongoing research projects supported or conducted by the Department to address the use of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances and the health effects of the use of such substances.

(c) DISAGGREGATION OF INFORMATION.—To the degree applicable, all of the information made published under subsection (b) shall be disaggregated by State, congressional district, component of the Department, military installation name, and military installation type.

(d) FORMAT.—The information published under subsection (b) shall be made available in a downloadable, machine-readable, open, and a user-friendly format.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term "military installation" includes active, inactive, and former military installations.

(2) The term "perfluoroalkyl substance" means a man-made chemical of which all of the carbon atoms are fully fluorinated carbon atoms.

(3) The term "polyfluoroalkyl substance" means a man-made chemical containing a mix of fully fluorinated carbon atoms, partially fluorinated carbon atoms, and nonfluorinated carbon atoms.

SA 4411. Mr. PETERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title XI, add the following:

SEC. 1110. WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES OF NONAPPROPRIATED FUND INSTRUMENTALITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2105(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking "or" at the end; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(F) alleged violations of paragraph (8) or subparagraph (A)(i), (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (9) of section 2302(b), which shall be received, investigated, adjudicated, and subject to judicial review under the procedures, legal burdens of proof, and remedies provided for under this title; or"

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 2302(a)(2)(C) of title 5, United States Code, is amended in the matter preceding clause (i) by inserting "and, in the case of an alleged prohibited personnel practice described under paragraph (8) or subparagraph (A)(i), (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (9) of subsection (b), a nonappropriated fund instrumentality under the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces," after "Government Publishing Office,"

(2) Section 1587 of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

(3) The table of sections for chapter 81 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 1587.

SA 4412. Mr. PETERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. —. COMPETITIVE STATUS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES HIRED BY INSPECTORS GENERAL TO SUPPORT THE LEAD IG MISSION.

Section 8L(d)(5) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "a lead Inspector General for" and inserting "any Inspector General specified in subsection (c) for oversight of"; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “2 years” and inserting “4 years”.

SA 4413. Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. DAINES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . IMPROVING THE REVIEW OF DISCHARGES AND DISMISSALS.

(a) INTERAGENCY DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD TASK FORCE.—Section 1553 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g)(1)(A) There is hereby established a task force on the review of discharges and dismissals under this section.

“(B) The task force established by subparagraph (A) shall be known as the ‘Interagency Discharge Review Board Task Force’ (in this subsection the ‘Task Force’).

“(2) The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

“(A) The Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs of each military department.

“(B) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

“(C) The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

“(D) Such other persons as the Chairperson of the Task Force considers appropriate.

“(3) The Chairperson of the Task Force shall be the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

“(4)(A) The Task Force shall develop strategies to increase the efficacy of reviews of discharges and dismissals under this section.

“(B) In carrying out subparagraph (A), the Task Force shall analyze the following:

“(i) The structures and processes used under this section to review discharges and dismissals and how such structures and processes vary across the military services.

“(ii) Outreach procedures of the Department of Defense for members of the armed forces and veterans transitioning from service in the armed forces to civilian life.

“(iii) Decision notification policies of the boards established under this section.

“(iv) Department of Defense coordination protocols regarding matters relating to reviews of discharges and dismissals under this section with State veterans agencies, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Health and Human Services, and veterans service organizations.

“(v) Such other measures as the Task Force determines may be necessary to ensure continued modernization of the review of discharges and dismissals under section 1553 of title 10, United States Code.

“(5) In this subsection, the term ‘veterans service organization’ means an organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38.”

(b) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Section 1553 of such title, as amended by subsection (a), is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(h)(1) Not later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, the task force established by subsection (g)(1) shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the implementation of this section.

“(2) Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

“(A) A summary of the activities undertaken by the task force during the most recent fiscal year.

“(B) The number of motions or requests for review received during the last fiscal year by a board established under this section, disaggregated by military service.

“(C) The percentage of such motions and requests that resulted in a correction to upgrade the characterization of discharge or dismissal of a former member of the armed forces.

“(D) The average amount of time between a submittal of a motion or request described in subparagraph (A) and a final decision of a board with respect to the motion or request.

“(3) In this subparagraph, the term ‘appropriate committees of Congress’ means—

“(A) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and

“(B) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives.”

(c) NOTICE.—Section 1553 of such title, as amended by subsections (a) and (b), is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which a board established under this section reaches a final decision with respect to correcting a discharge or dismissal of a former member of the armed forces, the board shall transmit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the State agency of the home of the former member (using the most current contract information available to the Secretary of Defense) that has a mission to serve veterans, any legal professional representing the former member, and the former member notice of such decision.”

(d) PRESEPARATION COUNSELING.—Section 1142(b) of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(20) A description of the process for review under section 1553 of this title.”

SA 4414. Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. BLUNT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title V, add the following:

SEC. 576. RECORD OF MILITARY SERVICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) STANDARD RECORD OF SERVICE REQUIRED.—Chapter 59 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1168 the following new sections:

“§ 1168a. Discharge or release: record of military service

“(a) RECORD OF SERVICE REQUIRED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish and implement a standard record of military service for all members of the active and reserve components of the armed forces to encompass all duty under this title and titles 32, and 14.

“(2) DESIGNATION.—The record of service shall be known as the ‘Certificate of Military Service’.

“(b) NATURE AND SCOPE.—The record of service required by subsection (a) shall—

“(1) consist of a standardized summary of the service on active duty, inactive duty, annual training, active duty for training, and State active duty in the armed forces of each member who serves in the armed forces;

“(2) be the same document for all members of the armed forces; and

“(3) replace and serve the same function as a discharge certificate or certificate of release from active duty for purposes of section 1168 of this title that is performed as of the date of the enactment of this Act by Department of Defense Form DD-214.

“(c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Defense shall coordinate with all applicable stakeholders, including the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in order to ensure that the record of service required by subsection (a) serves as acceptable proof of military service for receipt of applicable benefits under the laws administered by such stakeholders.”

(b) ISSUANCE TO MEMBERS OF RESERVE COMPONENTS.—Chapter 59 of such title, as amended by subsection (a), is further amended by inserting after section 1168a the following new section:

“§ 1168b. Record of military service: issuance to members of reserve components

“An up-to-date record of service (as provided for by section 1168a of this title) shall be issued to members of the reserve components of the armed forces as follows:

“(1) Upon permanent change to duty status (retirement, resignation, Expiration Term of Service, commissioning to officer/warrant officer, or permanent transfer to active duty).

“(2) Upon discharge or release from temporary active duty orders (minimum of 90 days on orders or 30 days for a contingency operation).

“(3) Upon promotion to each grade (starting at O-3 for commissioned officers, W-3 for warrant officers, and E-4 for enlisted members).

“(4) In the case of a member of the National Guard, upon any transfer to the National Guard of another State or territory (commonly referred to as an ‘Interstate Transfer’).”

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATED TO CURRENT DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE AUTHORITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 1168 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking “his discharge certificate or certificate of release from active duty, respectively, and his final pay” and inserting “the member’s record or military service (as provided for by section 1168a of this title), and the member’s final pay”; and

(B) by striking “him or his” and inserting “the member or the member’s”.

(2) HEADING AMENDMENT.—The heading of such section 1168 is amended to read as follows:

“§ 1168. Discharge or release from active duty: limitations; issuance of record of military service”.

(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 59 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 1168 and inserting the following new items:

“1168. Discharge or release from active duty: limitations; issuance of record of military service.

“1168a. Discharge or release: record of military service.

“1168b. Record of military service: issuance to members of reserve components.”

SA 4415. Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr.